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Pity the man whose summer vacation is over.

Freckles are to be had for the asking these days.

History will refer to 1909 as the era of the aeroplane.

There is enough sunburn for all at the bathing beaches.

The new broom of prosperity has swept clean the debris of the panic.

Daily the divorce courts are proving that those who marry in haste do not need much leisure for repentance.

At this season 24 hours may be the difference between an overcoat and a bathing suit.

Flying across the English channel ought to be an improvement over swimming across it.

King Peter of Serbia, who fell from his horse, is thankful that it was not from his throne.

Take care of the "youthful romance," and the divorce question will take care of itself.

Chinamen have only themselves to blame for the surveillance put upon them by the federal authorities.

It was a woman who made the flag, and that may be one reason why men have been and still are ready to die for it.

Between discontent in India, the German invasion scare and the new taxation methods Britain is likely to have an uneasy summer.

Sometimes a mother of seven or eight children, and with nobody willing to help her take care of them, must almost envy an old maid.

A discriminating person hearing one of the popular songs of the day might marvel that any one should attempt to plagiarize that tuneful effort.

Even though petroleum butter becomes an established fact this world will not be deprived of the pleasure of teaching cunning little calves to drink out of a pail.

Evidently the men who construct the popular songs can see that these curious compositions are not all of the same piece or they would not have brought the matter into court.

Uncle Sam is proudly exhibiting \$200,000,000 worth of battleships off the coast of Massachusetts, but none of them will ever be as famous as that ancient tub, the Mayflower.

Real estate in Messina is plainly not a profitable investment. It is too much subject to depression, and its openings are not of a kind to inspire confidence in their stability.

The Duke of Abruzzi has broken all records, it is said, in Himalaya mountain climbing. He is to be congratulated. This is something people cannot be born to. They must do mountain climbing themselves.

The good old summer time is having things all its own way. The weather men announce that there is nothing in sight at present to suggest any marked changes from existing meteorological conditions.

There are signs of more revolutionary disturbances in Hayti and Santo Domingo, and some of the old names, like Jimenez and Jose St. Pierre Giordani, are figuring in the dispatches. But until the famous Woz y Gii gets busy it is probable there will be really nothing doing.

Cheaper cuts of beef contain just as high food values as do the tenderloins, the porterhouse steaks, and the juicy sirloins, although they need to be chewed awhile longer because generally tougher, according to a report made before the biological chemistry section of the American Chemical society.

Abdul Hamid, the deposed sultan, continues to "give up," his latest contribution being a check for \$5,000,000 from his hard-earned hoardings. But apparently the Young Turks are not yet through with him. There comes from Constantinople the report that Abdul is to be tried for his part in the revolt of last April. This may mean another and bigger check from the ex-monarch.

Ex-President Castro say that the American government is preparing to deceive the world with wicked schemes. He seems to labor under the delusion that all the power and influence of this great republic are being bent on his personal destruction. In his persistent accusation of hostility toward him by the United States he puts himself in the attitude of the ant who was angry at being shored by the elephant.

"WELL—LOOK WHO'S HERE!"



MORE WEALTH IN KANSAS LAND

ASSESSMENT SHOWS INCREASE OF \$62,356,531 OVER LAST YEAR.

Bank Deposits Are Greater Than Ever With Wheat, Corn, Hogs and Cattle Coming.

Topeka, Kan.—The assessed valuation of all the property in Kansas for 1909, according to a statement made public by the state tax commission is \$2,510,757,607.26, an increase over 1908 of \$62,356,531.37. The 1908 assessment broke all previous records.

The state tax for 1909 has been fixed at one and one-quarter mills and will raise \$3,128,446.64. Last year the rate was nine-tenths of a mill and raised \$2,203,561.18. The assessment includes farm lands, town lots, personal property and public service corporations.

The exact value for each county of all the classes of property in the state is not available yet. Wyandotte county has the largest total valuation, \$100,300,049, and will pay a total state tax of \$125,375.

Total deposits in state and national banks in Kansas June 30 were \$162,934,857.57, the largest amount ever on deposit in the Kansas banks at this season of the year. There are 785 state banks, four private banks and three trust companies and 211 national banks doing business in the state at this time.

The deposits in the state banks for the call of June 30 were \$88,490,862.38, as against \$75,563,431.15 of the corresponding date last year. The deposits of the national banks at this time aggregate \$84,443,995.19, a healthy increase over this time last year.

Texas School Bonds Made Good. Dallas, Texas.—In an election held over the state of Texas the people adopted a constitutional amendment validating upward of \$3,000,000 worth of school district bonds, which the courts had held to be illegal. The bulk of the issues are held by the state school fund but large amounts are owned by investors in the north and east.

Supplies Go to Peary. St. Johns, N. F.—The expedition which will carry relief supplies to commander Robert E. Peary left St. Johns. The 88 ton schooner Jeanie will take 50 tons of coal and the same amount of stores, which she will land at Etah, Greenland, to supplement the supplies on Peary's steamer Roosevelt.

The Tariff Bill Strikes a Bang. Washington, D. C.—Tariff legislation has been delayed again by the hide and leather question and as a result the conferees were called together once more. Western senators complain that the leather schedule, as arranged by the conferees with the approval of the president is unfair to the states interested in protected hides.

That Tennis Court No More. Washington, D. C.—The Roosevelt tennis court has been plowed up in preparation as a site for the new \$40,000 addition to the executive mansion. Mr. Taft had no use for a tennis court and it was not big enough for golf links.

No Games in Two Leagues. New York, N. Y.—Bat and ball were laid aside by 30 professional baseball clubs out of respect to the memory of Harry C. Pulliam, president of the National league, who was buried at Louisville, Ky.

CONGRESSMEN WANT TO ESCAPE

Five Were "Held Up" at Union Station While Trying to Get Away.

Washington, D. C.—Five representatives were "held up" at the Union station by the sergeant at arms of the house and compelled to remain in the city until a vote is taken in the senate on the tariff bill. They are Denby, of Michigan; Ashbrook, of Ohio; Kellaher of Mass.; Howell of New Jersey and Cassidy of Ohio.

They were about to board a train for their homes when the officer of the house spoiled their plans. Countless excuses were offered but the officer was firm.

When the house adopted the conference report on Saturday members began to flock away from Washington and Representative Dwight, the Republican "whip" is having a difficult time holding enough of them to transact public business. He sent telegrams far and wide urging the absent members to return.

GOVERNMENT MUST-PAY THE BILL

The Responsibility for the Salton Sea Floods Finally Fixed—Now They Want \$2,000,000.

San Francisco, California.—Responsibility for the Salton sea floods of 1905 and 1906, was finally fixed by the United States circuit court of appeals affirming the decision of the circuit court in the case of the California Development company against the New Liverpool Salt company which holds that the in-takes constructed by the development company were improperly built. The lower court is also sustained in deciding there were no violations of the court's order in the work done while the matter was in course of adjudication. The Southern Pacific company, which did the work with the approval of President Roosevelt, has presented a bill for \$2,000,000 to the government.

Japanese Strike Breaking Up. Honolulu, Japan.—The Japanese laborers of the Walpahu plantation on the island of Oahu, who were working on the profit-sharing basis when the strike was declared, returned to work Friday. The plantation at Walpahu is where the strike had its origin. Other strikers are scattered and the leaders of the movement are gradually losing their control of the discontented laborers.

Defeat for Tom L. Johnson. Cleveland, Ohio.—The Schmidt ordinance providing for the grant of a franchise to Herman Schmidt, insuring three-cent fares on a part of the city street car lines, was defeated at a referendum election here by a majority of 3,982. The total vote was 30,944 to 34,926. The Schmidt ordinance was fostered by Mayor Tom L. Johnson.

Platte City Not Concerned. Platte City, Missouri.—Following the recent morning's lynching, Platte City is quiet. So far as the town or the county is concerned sympathy is all with the lynchers, and it is freely said on the streets that a grand jury investigation will do little if any good. No one appears to know who the lynchers were and no one cares.

Gov. Hughes in Seattle. Seattle, Washington.—Closing a busy day at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, where New York Day was celebrated, Gov. Charles E. Hughes was the guest of honor at a banquet given in the New York state building by the exposition management.

IN FAVOR OF OTHER NATIONS

RATES ON PANAMA RAILROAD AGAINST OUR CITIZENS.

The Road is Owned by United States Government and Yet This Condition Exists.

Baltimore, Maryland.—Bernard N. Baker, formerly head of the Atlantic Transport steamship lines has been investigating, at the instance of President Taft the matter of freight charges over the Panama railroad, which is owned by the United States government. In a recent preliminary report to the president, Mr. Baker pointed out that in the transportation of hides the people of this country are heavily discriminated against in favor of those of European nations, who are given much lower rates. In a statement Mr. Baker gives further figures showing similar discrimination on other sorts of freight. He says:

"The rate on drygoods from New York to Central America is \$21.40 a ton, and from Europe to Central America \$20.40. Rate by Panama railroad from Colon to Panama if from New York, \$5.72, if from Europe \$4.76, the rate on machinery from New York to Guayaquil is \$12.40; from Europe to Guayaquil \$11.88. The Panama railroad charges from Colon to Panama, if from New York, \$3.46; if from Europe \$2.77.

"The rate from the east coast of the United States to the west, via the Panama railroad and the Pacific Mail Steamship line, on machinery, from New York to San Francisco, is \$36.00 a ton; from Europe to San Francisco \$18.82. Panama railroad charges from Colon to Panama if from New York \$8.10 a ton, if from Europe \$4.59 a ton. Pacific Mail Steamship company from Panama to San Francisco, if from New York, \$18.00 a ton, if from Europe \$7.64 a ton."

WILL INSPECT KANSAS FAIRS

State Board of Health Sends Out Letter of Warning to the Associations.

Topeka, Kansas.—The state board of health is sending out a letter of warning to all fair associations notifying the officers that the pure food department is going to inspect all fairs held in Kansas this year. In the letter the board says:

All places, stands, wagons or vehicles in which or from which foods or drinks are sold, offered for sale or prepared, must be maintained in a strictly sanitary condition.

Toilets should be of sufficient number and size as to properly care for the maximum crowd expected and must be disinfected and cleansed daily. They should be sufficiently removed from places where foods are sold as not to be a menace to such food supplies by flies going from one place to another.

Unwholesome or fake foods or drinks will not be permitted.

House Passed Deficiency Bill. Washington, D. C.—Carrying an aggregate appropriation of \$1,100,000, or \$666,000 more than as originally reported, the conference report of the urgent deficiency appropriation bill was adopted by the house. Bitter opposition was directed against the provisions of the bill respecting the establishment of a customs court and providing for the purchase of automobiles for the vice-president and the speaker, but all attempts to send the report back to the conferees for amendment were defeated.

M. Summer Flew Two Hours. Chalons Sur Marne, France.—M. Summer, the aeronaut, using Henry Farman's bi-plane, made a flight of two hours and ten seconds. This lowers all French records.

Kuhn Contests For Salary. St. Joseph, Missouri.—Dr. W. F. Kuhn of Kansas City, ex-superintendent of State Hospital No. 2, who was removed by the board of managers several days ago, through an attorney has notified E. L. Hart, Jr., treasurer of the asylum, not to pay the salary of superintendent to Dr. F. A. Patterson or any other person other than Kuhn.

Old "Blue Laws" Repealed. Hartford, Connecticut.—Both houses of the Connecticut legislature passed a bill repealing the so-called "blue laws" relating to Sunday observance, which forbid almost every form of recreation and secular activity. The laws, which have been seldom enforced, are relics of enactments by the lawgiving body of 1722.

A Circus Tent Blown Down. Battle Creek, Michigan.—During a windstorm here the menagerie tent of a circus was blown down and two women seriously injured. A large crowd was thrown into a panic. None of the animals escaped.

A LONG WAY BACK.



George—There's Miss Passay. She claims she's never been kissed.
Harry—Why, I've kissed her myself, years ago. She means not since she can remember.

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Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Either Way.

Mr. Wilkins had been sitting quietly on a nail keg, perusing a paper which he had found on the counter. The date of it he had not noticed. Finally he looked up with a puzzled expression.

"What's this wireless telegraph signal, this 'C. O. D.' they're talking about?" he asked.

"I guess it's 'C. Q. D.' ain't it?" suggested Holbrook, the grocer. "Anyway, it's a signal of distress," he added, moodily.

Good Evidence.

"When she hit him with the golf ball, did it knock him senseless?"

"I guess so. I understand they are soon to marry."—Central Methodist Advocate.

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